

# Social Inclusion Forum 2019

*“Collaborative Working at Local and National Level”*

22 May 2019

#SIF2019

Venue:

Aviva Stadium Conference Centre  
Lansdowne Road  
Dublin 4

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**An Roinn Gnóthaí Fostaíochta  
agus Coimirce Sóisialaí**  
Department of Employment Affairs  
and Social Protection

## Conference Overview

### Introduction

The Social Inclusion Forum (SIF) was established by Government as part of the structures to monitor and evaluate Ireland's National Action Plan for Social Inclusion (NAPinclusion). The Social Inclusion Division of the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection has been given the responsibility by the Government to convene the Forum and is assisted in this work by the Community Work Ireland (CWI) and the European Anti-Poverty Network Ireland (EAPN Ireland). The Conference will provide a forum for engagement between officials from Government Departments, Community and Voluntary Organisations and people experiencing poverty.

### Next Meeting of the Forum

The SIF will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 at the Aviva Stadium, Lansdowne Road, Dublin 4. The programme for the event is outlined in the following section.

### Forum Focus

The theme of this year's SIF is "Collaborative Working at Local and National Level". It aims to show what work is being done, what is working and what needs to change. It will also focus on the levels of engagement between Local & National Organisations and Departments.

### Conference Report

A conference report will be prepared. This will be laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas. Copies of the Report will be circulated to senior officials in Government Departments, relevant agencies as well as to those who attended the Conference by publishing it online.

## Programme

### **“Collaborative Working at Local and National Level”**

- 09:15 Registration, Tea & Coffee
- 09:55 Welcome & opening remarks by Deputy Secretary, Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection, Jacqui McCrum
- 10:10 Address by the Minister for Employment Affairs & Social Protection, Ms. Regina Doherty, T.D.
- 10:25 Feedback from regional workshops with people experiencing poverty and the groups working with them
- 11:15 Tea/Coffee Break
- 11:30 Update on Social Inclusion trends and the New Strategy by Dermot Coates, DEASP
- 11:40 Structured Q&A session (Chair: Jacqui McCrum)
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:30 Workshops:
- 1) Social Inclusion at Community Level – enhancing collaboration
  - 2) Getting more from the data: how to develop a more nuanced understanding of poverty & social inclusion in Ireland
  - 3) Social inclusion and people with disabilities
  - 4) Housing and social inclusion: how far have we come and how far have we to go
  - 5) The role of employers in social inclusion: offering opportunity; accommodating difference; flexibility in employment patterns; and corporate responsibility
  - 6) Social inclusion and Traveller health and wellbeing
- 15:00 Tea/coffee break
- 15:20 Summary of workshop outcomes by rapporteur
- 16:00 Closing Remarks & End

## Expenses

A contribution towards vouched expenses may be paid to delegates from the Community & Voluntary Sector, who operates in a voluntary capacity. Such expenses include the costs of childcare, eldercare or other expenses incurred (e.g. public transport, private transport only in exceptional circumstances where public transport is not available).

Participants are advised that such payments may only be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT) into participants' bank accounts and on receipt of completed expenses forms and receipts. Please note no cash refunds will be available on the day.

**PAYMENT OF VOUCHERED EXPENSES IS CONDITIONAL ON RECEIPTS BEING PROVIDED.**

Expenses application forms will be available at the registration desk on conference day.

There are a limited number of places available so early booking is advised. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. In the event of high demand, late booking participants may be placed on a waiting list.

## Booking Form

If you wish to attend, please follow the link [Here](#)

Attendance at the Conference is free but must be pre-booked.

If you have any special requests or needs, please specify these on the booking form and we will try to accommodate you, subject to receiving sufficient notice.

If you have any queries about booking, please contact Fergal Hardiman, by email to: [social.inclusion@welfare.ie](mailto:social.inclusion@welfare.ie) or by telephone at +353 1 7043968 or +353 1 7043614.

## Website for Conference Publications

The main conference documents and speaker presentations will be available online after the event. It will be possible to download copies of the report and presentations from [www.welfare.ie/en/Pages/Social-Inclusion-Division.aspx](http://www.welfare.ie/en/Pages/Social-Inclusion-Division.aspx) and [www.socialinclusion.ie](http://www.socialinclusion.ie).

## Getting there

### Venue

Aviva Stadium Conference Centre, Lansdowne Road, Dublin 4.

### Train

The closest railway station is Lansdowne Road train station, see [www.irishrail.ie](http://www.irishrail.ie) for more information.

### Bus

For information on buses from your area to the Aviva Stadium Conference Centre please visit [www.dublinbus.ie](http://www.dublinbus.ie) for information.

### Luas

The closest Luas stops are Connolly and George's Dock which is approximately a 20 minute walk from the venue.

Visit [www.luas.ie](http://www.luas.ie) or more information.

### Parking

There is parking at the venue for a reduced rate of €10 for the day or €2 per hour.

## Map

Please see the map to the Aviva Stadium Conference Centre [here](#)

## Glossary

### **National Action Plan for Social Inclusion 2007 – 2016**

#### **(NAPinclusion)**

The 10-year plan of the Irish Government aimed at tackling poverty. The [Plan](#) was updated for the period 2015 - 2017 to reflect current issues and interventions to tackle poverty.

#### **Social Inclusion**

Ensuring marginalised people and those living in poverty have greater participation in decision making which affects their lives.

#### **Social Inclusion Division**

The role of the Social Inclusion Division is to support the Minister and Government in developing and implementing Government strategies for preventing, reducing and ultimately eliminating poverty and social exclusion. The Division also promotes greater social inclusion and social cohesion in collaboration with other stakeholders including, in particular, people experiencing poverty.

#### **European Anti-Poverty Network Ireland (EAPN Ireland)**

The European Anti-Poverty Network Ireland is a network of groups and individuals working against poverty. EAPN Ireland is the Irish link to the European Anti-Poverty Network which brings together civil society organisations from across the European Union to put the fight against poverty at the top of the EU, national and local agenda.

#### **Community Work Ireland (CWI)**

Established in 1981, Community Work Ireland (formerly the Community Workers' Co-operative) is a national membership organisation that seeks to promote quality community work as a means of addressing poverty, social exclusion and inequality, and contributing to the creation of a more just, sustainable and equal society.